

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Students, We have started the school year on a very positive note. Over 500 new additions to our family – students, teachers, and staff -- have started to learn the TJ culture, including yours truly. The new students have been acquainted with their BigSibs, and new faculty and staff have been assigned a mentor to 'show them the ropes'. However, several of our staff are not quite rookies, as two are TJ alums (Ms. Jennifer Pierce and Mr. Mike Auerbach), one is a TJ parent (Ms. Kate Lewis), and one is a parent of a TJ alumnus (Ms. Cookie Frome).

I have circulated through many classes and am impressed by the quality of the students' discussions, teamwork, and creativity. It is clear the teachers facilitate classroom environments that support three of the school goals: intellectual risk taking, creative problem solving, and communication. For example, in a recent IBET class, Mr. Hamby asked teams of students to engineer two towers far apart and high off the ground. Needless to say, the class wasn't expecting a group to build a tower that started from the ceiling! Anyone who passes through TJ will recognize we utilize all types of space, including decorated ceiling tiles, to support our unique learning environment.

The theme "Today is Tomorrow," has been emphasized throughout the school this year. Foremost, it symbolizes TJ's belief in our children as future leaders and contributors to a global society where the school creates a gateway of opportunities. Additionally, this phrase reminds the faculty of our need to reflect on our progress as a school and plan for the future. Strategic planning of this nature involves many

discussions during JLC time, as well as dialogue in cyberspace beyond the school day. We have formed numerous SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) committees to evaluate our different programs so we can plan for the next five years. In addition, the faculty is reading and discussing futuristic literature to reflect on long term plans in order to recommend facility needs that reflect a vision for the future of TJ. Students, parents, alums, government officials, school district officials, and community members will have an opportunity to contribute to the ideas developed in these plans throughout the year. In addition, TJ will reflect on its vision as it participates in national and state policy discussions this fall, including the *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* symposium sponsored by the National Academies of Science in Washington, D.C., and the meeting of the Virginia State Joint Subcommittee Studying Science, Math and Technology Education hosted by TJ on October 25. Parents and community members are welcome to attend!

October is an exciting time of year for TJ students. Our athletics and activities programs are in full swing, and students prepare for Homecoming Week, October 16-21. The Homecoming theme this year is "Over and Under," where each class identifies a unique theme to stand out in the daily activities during the week. Events for the week include: Spirit Days, Pep Rallies, Float, Class Skit, Musical Extravaganza, a Canned Food Drive, Spirit Banner, Class Cheer, and a new event, "The Experience" (a parade throughout the school). The week culminates on Friday night with a Bonfire and Half-Time show at the Football Game and then the Homecoming Dance on Saturday Night. This is truly a spectacular event at TJ and is one where the whole school comes together for the purpose of celebrating our identity as a school and a school community. We thank those of



you who contribute service, time, and space to allow students to be creative and show their spirit in amazing ways. We hope you can help the school through these spectacular school-wide festivities or behind-the-scene activities.

I look forward to working with you to make this year one we will always remember. Everyone's contributions, at school and at home, help TJ support new and special opportunities for its students. Please join the PTSA and attend its meetings to be informed and involved. Visit with me during my Parent Coffee on October 11 from 9:30-11:00 a.m., or contact me at 703-750-8300 or [Evan.Glazer at fcps.edu](mailto:Evan.Glazer@fcps.edu) if you have feedback and suggestions that will help make TJ an even better place for learning and growing.

Have a terrific Autumn season,
Evan Glazer

President's Message

I hope you have all survived the PTSA paper and form onslaught that seems to mark the beginning of every school year.

How fortunate we are this year to have a team working on a paperless way to gather information that is printed in the TJ PTSA directory – a vital tool for students and parents alike. Countless hours have been spent behind the scenes by the TJ PTSA Directory Committee refining this process and, finally, managing and formatting the data so that it could go to the printers. It was a Herculean task and I would particularly like to thank the Directory Chair, Ann Besson, for keeping the entire team on schedule – not an easy task with information from almost 1800 students and families being input to the directory database. Thank you also to the marvelous team of Nancy Sharma, Linda Maxfield, and Tao Zhang and Teresa Román with the able assistance of our incredible webmasters, Vicky Linnell and Qi Wang. Their collective efforts have brought this process up to a standard befitting our high tech school! And check out the new, retooled



TJ PTSA website:
<http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/>. Make sure to bookmark it and visit it often!

The TJ PTSA hospitality team has also been hard at work this past month organizing a very special Back to School breakfast for all the TJ faculty and staff at the beginning of September. Our new hospitality chairs, Atti Galvin and Carrie Kilgore, jumped right in to their new PTSA roles with such calmness and efficiency – they did a beautiful job on this event and the school staff and faculty were very appreciative.

It was a great pleasure to say a few words at the Freshman Orientation. When you have an “experienced” student at TJ (my daughter is a junior), you forget a little about that feeling when you and your child first arrive at the school. It was exciting but a little overwhelming as well – so much to absorb, all the new terminology, the schedule..... I am sure it was an enjoyable day for all those who attended.

We were delighted to see so many freshmen and other parents at our first PTSA meeting. You are welcome to keep in touch and network with other parents by arriving 15 minutes before the meeting for refreshments. The September meeting was jam packed with PTSA business since it was the first of the school year. However, as we move forward in the year, I plan to make more time for discussion on items of particular concern to parents so that we can inform ourselves more about what's going on around school.

One more thing - I hope you realize that you are reading an award-winning newsletter! I am certainly not referring to my words, but to the amazing person who takes all our submissions and pictures and announcements and puts it all together in order. Our *Tech cetera* editor, Teresa Román, received a well-deserved State PTA award this past month for the TJ PTSA newsletter. Thanks for all your hard work!

Don't forget our education programs for parents coming up in the next couple of months. Esther Yook, first Vice President, has been busy arranging these programs which we

believe will be very valuable and relevant to our particular parent body. Read more about it in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bernadette Saperstein, President, TJ PTSA
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TJHSST PTSA

Parent, Teacher, Student Association



PTSA Update

New PTSA Officers Welcome you to TJ PTSA!

The officers of the TJ PTSA would like to welcome all new and returning parents to TJ. Please don't hesitate to say hello if you see one of us around the school. We're here to help - especially those parents who are new to TJ and transitioning to high school. It can be overwhelming at times. Check out our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month, in the library from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. That will keep you up to date about what's going on around school and will introduce you to lots of other parents.



Left to right: Cheryl Tarpeh, Corresponding Secretary (Will, Class of 2008), Esther Yook, First Vice President (Kari, Class of 2008), Bernadette Saperstein, President (Hannah, Class of 2008), Eileen Swoboda, Treasurer (Matt, Class of 2007), Janet Kerr-Tener, Recording Secretary (Andrew, Class of 2009), Nassmah Brooks, Second Vice President (Raillan, Class of 2007, Rani, Class of 2008, Ranya, Class of 2009)

The next meeting of the PTSA is scheduled for October 16, at 7:30 in the Library. All are welcome.

Highlights from the September 11 PTSA Meeting

- **Treasurer's report:** Projected PTSA expenses for the year will be \$43,206 on income of \$40,706. The variance reflects the decision of the All Night Graduation Party committee to spend down some of its accumulated funds. The budget also reflects an increase in the principal's discretionary fund and a small decrease in technology funding over the year prior.
- **Special Award:** The Virginia State PTA council awarded TJ's 2005-06 PTSA its "Gold Award" for excellence in PTSA newsletters.
- **Government Relations:** Fairfax County School Superintendent Jack Dale has convened a task force to examine future options for the school's physical plant with a reporting deadline of July 1, 2007.
- **Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee:** Fairfax County Public Schools is studying the future of G/T education in the County. Parents should contact their respective school board members for more information.
- **Principal's report:** TJ has 477 freshmen, 25 new staff, and 10 new "learning cottages" this school year.

Upcoming PTSA Events

PTSA Parent Forum "Youth, Ethics, and Technology" will be held **October 25**, (7 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium). Dr. Herbert Lin, George Mason University, Guest Speaker. TJ faculty and staff Brandon Kosatka, Josh Strong, and Shane Torbert, will talk about the challenges of new technologies for our youth. The format will be interactive.

Workshop for Parents from Different Cultural Backgrounds will be held **November 8** (7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 214/215). With the participation of TJ Student Services, the TJ PTSA Cultural Liaison program is hosting an informal workshop for culturally-different TJ parents. Information about how to get involved in your teen's education despite cultural and linguistic challenges will be shared. Cultural Liaison volunteer parents will be at hand to provide assistance. The meeting will take place on November 8 from 7 - 8:30 in Room 214 / 215.

For more information about these special events please contact Esther Yook, PTSA First Vice-president at ptsa.firstvp@tjhsst.edu.

Membership

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE...to get the impressive, award-winning TJ PTSA newsletter mailed to your home address. To get that benefit, join the PTSA for only \$15. There are other benefits to joining the PTSA as well. Money for the PTSA funds student programs and equipment, activities, landscaping, and professional development.

In other membership news, we have a WONDERFUL new system for tracking membership information this year! It is an entry system linked to the TJ directory information, which greatly eases the job of entering information and should considerably cut down on errors. I want to thank Linda Maxfield for her vision of how this would work. I am tremendously grateful to Myles Maxfield for programming the entry system and particularly to Nancy Sharma for intensive testing and polishing of it.

This is still a new system, however, and there is considerable information to enter. Please be attentive to the next newsletter and tell us if there are any mistakes in your membership. Did you get your mailed copy, if you requested one? Did you get a mailed copy when you requested to read it on-line? Is your other information correct? Contact Karen Emmons if you have any questions at [ptsa.membership at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.membership@tjhsst.edu).

Research shows that students benefit greatly when parents are involved in their education. Joining the PTSA is one of the best ways to know what is going on at TJ and to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and the educators. For only \$15, you can support an important organization that benefits the entire Jefferson community. Please join us. (Membership form available at <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/>)

Fairfax County Council PTA

The Board replied favorably to the suggestion for a townhall meeting by the representatives from SLEEP (Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal). The County is apparently conducting phase 2 transportation studies on Herndon, South Lake, and Langley school districts. A major concern is the feasibility of adjusting high school bus routes. Since TJ has a different schedule, we

will keep you informed about any changes that impact our school.

Serving the TJ Community

Tech cetera

TJ PTSA Newsletter Wins Virginia PTA Award! Earlier this year, three issues of our PTSA newsletter, Tech cetera, were submitted for recognition in the 2006 Virginia PTA Outstanding Newsletter competition which is open to all elementary, middle, and high school PTA organizations throughout the state. Seven PTA newsletters were selected as the top newsletters in the state out of almost 60 entries.

We are happy to announce that our PTSA newsletter received a Gold Award for exemplary performance. TJHSST PTSA was honored at the 2006 Leadership Training Conference at Longwood University during July. Ramona Morrow, President of Fairfax County Council PTA presented the award to Teresa Román (Newsletter editor) and Debbie Kilpatrick (Immediate Past President, TJ PTSA) during the September PTSA meeting held on Monday, September 11, 2006.



Congratulations are due to all the students, staff and parents who contributed articles, announcements and photos to keep communication a top priority in our TJ community. But special kudos must go to our wonderful newsletter editor, Teresa Román, for creating such an outstanding and informational newsletter every month for the past two years. Thanks for everything you do to bring such a professional touch to all our submissions!

Volunteers Needed

- **Archivist:** Do you want flexible hours? The archivist works on organizing, preserving and storing various paper and photographic records of life at TJ. Knowledge of archival techniques is helpful, but not required. This is a good background job. Hours are flexible.
- **Recycling Team Leader:** Help organize this great fundraiser. Oversee the recycling of inkjet printer cartridges and cell phones. Great job for someone who isn't available on a daily/weekly basis.
- **Newsletter Editor Shadow:** This person would shadow the current newsletter editor with the idea of assuming the job next year. The newsletter editor requests submissions, edits when necessary and creates the layout for the monthly PTSA newsletter. Job is done at home at your hours-although there is a publication deadline.
- **JLC volunteers:** Has your student ever mentioned JLC? And have you wondered what that is? Well, JLC is Jefferson Learning Community, and it occurs every Thursday from 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. During this time, teachers and staff meet in teams to set goals and direction for their subject areas and discuss departmental issues. This planning time is extremely valuable and productive for teachers and staff, and our students reap the benefits. But where are the students when this is going on? Some prefer to sleep in and arrive for the 9:00 start of school, but, due to bus schedules and transportation issues, many are at TJ and are being supervised by awesome parent volunteers, our "Early Bird JLCers." You will find them stationed in the hallways, library, cafeteria, College Career Center, Gym II, and various rooms. Soon there will be rooms for tutoring and makeup tests and possibly access to a computer lab. We need additional parent volunteers to cover these areas. For the computer lab, we need a parent willing to be trained *and* willing to enforce the school's rules about computer usage. If you are interested in volunteering during JLC, please contact Cindy Carter at ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu.
- **Volunteers for Open Gym during lunch:** With the cold weather approaching, students will not be going outside during lunch. Gym II will be open for students to play basketball, swing dance, etc. Parent volunteers are needed to monitor what goes on, watch that food and drinks don't make their way into the gym, and make sure that equipment set up for PE classes remains that way. Lunchtime varies slightly according to the day of

the week, but runs approximately from 11:45 – 12:30. Perhaps you can commit to one specific day per week or maybe every second week. Parents of basketball players are especially welcome! Please contact Cindy Carter at ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu.

If interested in any of these jobs, contact us at Ptsa.volunteers at tjhsst.edu

Thank you to all volunteers: Please accept our thanks to all who have volunteered during the first month of school. There are too many to list! We can always count on TJ parents to come through-sometimes on very short notice!! **THANKS!!!**

Thank you to the Directory Committee: Ann Besson (Chair), Nancy Sharma, Linda Maxfield, Tao Xiao, Teresa Román, as well as Pat Groves, Cindy Doughty, Vicky Linnell, and many others collectively spent literally hundreds of hours collecting, comparing, culling, and communicating to come up with the beautiful blue 2006 TJ PTSA Directory. It was very much a concerted work of love on the part of the volunteers. Please extend your appreciation to them and congratulate them on the beautiful results.

Thanks to Cindy and Dorry: Thank you to last year's volunteer coordinators, Cindy Carter and Dorry Emmer!! They made our transition so much easier-we couldn't do it without you!!

Hospitality

The Hospitality had their first event, Welcome Back Teachers Breakfast on Tuesday August 29, 2006. This event was a great success. Faculty and staff expressed their appreciation for the great food and cheerful smiles that greeted them as they began the school year.

Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers who came for set up and serving and to the parents who donated food. This event would not have happened without their support.

Hospitality's next event is the Principal Coffee on October 11, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria.

This is a great event for our freshman parents to meet other TJ parents and find out what is happening directly from Dr. Glazer.

Directory Committee

The TJHSST PTSA Student Directory, 2006-2007, is on sale in the Main Office for \$10 per directory. Checks can be made out to "TJHSST PTSA."

For those TJ families whose contact information was not included in the directory or whose information has changed, they are asked to visit <http://www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/login.htm> to keep their information up to date. If you submitted your information after the original deadline, an addendum will be e-mailed to students and parents by early October. This is the first time an addendum to the student directory has been offered. To receive this addendum you must have a valid e-mail address in the PTSA database. Parents' e-mail addresses can be marked as "Do Not Print" in the directory, if desired. Email addresses marked to not print in the directory will not be listed in the addendum. All questions should be directed at [ptsa.directory at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ptsa.directory@tjhsst.edu).

Human Relations Committee

Every month, the Human Relations Committee meets to assess and discuss various issues within the TJ community. Parents, students, and faculty alike are welcome to come share opinions and be able to voice concerns in an open environment. The goal of the HRC is to share perspectives and improve communication among the three main branches of people within our community. The HRC meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Elizabeth Lodol College Career Center.

Reflections

Our PTA is providing, again this year, the opportunity for TJHSST students to participate in the Local, State and National PTA Reflections Program. The Reflections Program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. The theme for the 2006-2007 program is "**My Favorite Place**". See the flyer at the end of this newsletter, and watch for more information in school, in future newsletters, and on the PTA web site. Start creating your works of art related to this year's theme! The deadline for submitting entries is October 27, 2006.

Landscaping Committee

As always, the Landscaping Committee welcomes more hands in the effort to beautify TJ. If you'd like to participate - either in weekend group weeding/planting sessions or during the week as it best fits your own schedule - please contact us. If you are a student in need of community service hours, the Landscaping Committee we can give you all the hours you could possibly want or need. Please contact Michele Pitler [mb1955 at aol.com](mailto:mb1955@aol.com) and Mary Martin [fivemartins at verizon.net](mailto:fivemartins@verizon.net), Landscaping Co-chairs.

Student Services Corner

Guidelines

The TJHSST Student Services Department quarterly newsletter, ***Guidelines***, is available at: <http://information.tjhsst.edu/dss/>

SGA

The Student Government Association is continuing to plan for the upcoming TJ Homecoming Week, Football Game, and Dance!!! The Overall Homecoming Theme this year is "Over and Under"! We will be needing chaperones for the Homecoming Dance, so parents if you are looking for a night of fun and the possibility of seriously embarrassing your child, then get prepared to chaperone Homecoming Dance on Oct. 21st! Chaperones can bring spouses to dance with as well (counts as two chaperones)! Contact SGA Sponsor Ms. Schoeplein at [Melissa.Schoeplein at fcps.edu](mailto:Melissa.Schoeplein@fcps.edu) with your name and child's year at TJ if you are interested in being a chaperone.

PSAT

All sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 18, at 8:30, in their TA. This is a scheduled half-day with students being released to return home after testing.

Items from Other TJ Offices

SACS

This spring, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) will send a group of professional educators to TJ in order to renew our accreditation. Before their arrival, Jefferson must prepare a self-study in which we perform an in-

depth analysis of all aspects of our school. TJHSST is looking for a few parent volunteers to join in the SACS process and add their insights to the self-study.

The committees needing parental involvement are: Beliefs and Missions, Analysis of Instruction and Organizational Effectiveness, Desired Results for Student Learning, and Action Plan.

Meetings times will vary by committee but will occur predominately in the morning, before school. We look forward to working with you on this demanding but rewarding project. For more information and committee descriptions, e-mail [martin.bagden at fcps.edu](mailto:martin.bagden@fcps.edu).

Alex Bagden and Krista Parnell, SACS Steering Committee Chairs

Academic News

Foreign Languages

They might have been a tad rusty on that first day of school, but now, all students enrolled in one of our seven languages programs seemed relaxed and ready to open their minds to the world.

September is the ***Hispanic Appreciation Month***. The Hispanic Alliance students decorated the show case near the library with an array of artifacts from the Hispanic world. Later, the Spanish teachers and student associations will organize a Hispanic dinner in the cafeteria. In the Spanish classes, students have celebrated with music, food and dance.

The first week in November will be dedicated to celebrate French, its language and culture. The French Honor Society will organize a complimentary breakfast for the whole faculty. Additional activities are being planned right now.

Participation in the **Language National Examinations** is strongly encouraged at all levels. Each year, TJHSST enrolls many students in the National German Exam, the National Latin exam, the National Spanish exam and the National French Contest. Participation in those national assessments requires a modest registration fee and students will receive information in their classes.

Spanish News

Spanish Honor Society has a lot exciting activities this year. Our kick-off activity will be hosting the Hispanic Dinner honoring our Hispanic students and

families. The dinner takes place Thursday, Nov. 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Invitations will be coming soon.

Latin News

Five students attended the National Junior Classical League Convention at the Indiana University for six days in August with Ms. Conklin. While at the NJCL Convention, Ms. Conklin was elected to her second 5 year term as the NJCL Constitutional Advisor. Maya Wei, Latin 1, was very successful at the convention. Maya was awarded one of the top academic prizes for earning the highest score at the (National!!) convention on the Reading Comprehension Exam for Latin ½ & 1. Not only was it the highest score, but it was one of only three perfect scores out of over 12,000 tests! Maya also won first place for her Modern Myth and earned several other academic awards. Congratulations Maya!

Certamen teams continued to cause a sensation across the state and region as they won trophies at many tournaments. The Level I team was especially outstanding last year, winning 1st place at the State Championship! Congratulations!

Ms. Conklin was selected as an AP Latin reader (grader) for the 2006 Advanced Placement grading held at the College of New Jersey in June.

Jean Suh, class of 2006, was awarded a prestigious National Latin Exam Scholarship at the annual ACL Institute held in June at the University of Pennsylvania

Class News

2007 – Seniors

The senior class theme for homecoming this year is Under Cover! Think James Bond, Mission Impossible and Austin Powers; cool cars and crazy gadgets; tuxedos and clever disguises. We've had great volunteer turn out, but we still need more people and supplies. Sign up sheets for homecoming committees are on the senior class bulletin board in senior hall by the cafeteria.

October 7, 12:00-4:30 p.m. the senior class will hold a picnic at Accotink Park in lieu of junior camp out, which was rained out last year. The park includes athletic facilities, so bring balls, Frisbees and comfortable clothing. The event will be free to

those who paid for last year's event. Any one who can help in the way of chaperones or athletic equipment: please get in touch with a class officer or council member.

One of the seniors most valued privileges, senior lounge, is also in desperate need of help. Thanks to generous donation in the past we have lots of stuff packed into a relatively small place, not all of it in the best condition. Once 8th periods begin we will create a committee to help organize, improve and maintain our beloved lounge. Contact a class officer or counsel member if you are interested in donating or becoming otherwise involved.

Class of 2007 PTSA Parent Liaison

It is hard to believe that 3 years have gone by since the class of 2007 began their journey at TJ. This is their final year and what a year it is going to be! The senior class council is busy planning several class sponsored events, including the Prom.

These events need our support to be successful and give our kids a chance to enjoy their final year at TJ. As parents we can help by chaperoning, donating funds, time or goodies.

If you would like to be contacted when the senior class needs your help, please send me an email at [soozc at cox.net](mailto:soozc@cox.net). I will add you to a list of senior parents that are willing to help through out the year for senior class sponsored events.

Also, if you have a question about class activities, Prom or Graduation, just send me an email and I will try my best to find someone who knows the right answer.

Thank you for your continued support!
Susan Cameron, 2007 PTSA Parent Liaison

2008 - Juniors

It's Homecoming prep time for the Class of 2008! During the next month, we will be putting forth much of our efforts into the organizing of Homecoming, which will be the best yet! Don't forget to check out our website for the latest class news: <http://go.to/2008>. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email us at [tjhsst08 at gmail.com](mailto:tjhsst08@gmail.com).

2009 – Sophomores

- The Six Flags America Trip takes sophomores and juniors to Largo, MD, on Oct. 28, noon to 11 p.m., for a fun day of applied mathematics and physics. The cost is \$40 per students. The deadline to sign-up is Oct. 2. Chaperones are needed. Contact Ms. McCormick at [AMcCormick at fcps.edu](mailto:AMcCormick@fcps.edu) to volunteer or for more information.
- For the **Homecoming Dance**, Oct. 21, the SGA has requested that 20 sophomore parents chaperone during two shifts of 10 parents per shift. Those shifts are 7:30 - 10 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Please e-mail Ann Besson, [bessons at cox.net](mailto:bessons@cox.net), if you can chaperone.
- Once again, Gene and Gail Zukosky are hosting in their home the building of the class Homecoming float. Their address is 6402 Twin Court, Springfield, 22150. If you can chaperone a work session or drive students after school to their home, please contact the Zukosky's for details at (703) 922-6339 or [country391 at yahoo.com](mailto:country391@yahoo.com).
- Faculty Advisors Nancy McCormick and Judy Bello send their thanks to all the parents serving on the PTSA board, as well as parents of class officers and class members, who chaperoned the Sophomore Sock Hop on Sept. 15.
- Kathleen Ryan is the student chairperson for the Silent Auction to be held April 27, 2007. The class goal is to raise \$20,000 for their prom and graduation in 2009. Kathleen is seeking a parent or two to chair the auction. Please e-mail her at [kmryan2009 at aol.com](mailto:kmryan2009@aol.com) for more information.

2010 – Freshmen

The Class of 2010 is off to a great start. We are lucky to have two enthusiastic faculty sponsors – Amanda Hurowitz and Jonathan Osborne. The Class of 2010-sponsored Soc Hop was a success and raised significant money for the Class. Thank you to all of the parents who helped chaperone.

Homecoming festivities start on October 16. The class theme is Under the Bed (monsters, etc.). Encourage your student to get involved by signing up for 8th period homecoming activities to help plan the skit, class banner, class cheer, and float. The class needs donations of supplies for its float including monster/clown costumes or other extravagant clothes, pompoms, footballs, large sheets of cardboard, chicken wire, pvc piping, paint, and white sheets. We will also need the use of a flatbed truck for the float for the homecoming

parade, and we are still looking for a family who lives near TJ who will let us use their garage to build the float. You can also help out by chaperoning the float building and the homecoming dance. Please contact us if you can help in any way. Make sure your student takes part in the fun by dressing up for spirit week and supports the class by buying a class t-shirt.

The Homecoming football game on Friday, October 20 is a big event for students, parents, and alumni. Come cheer on the Colonials and see the class floats at half-time. The students all enjoy the homecoming dance on Saturday night (October 21). No dates necessary!

Mark your calendar now for these important class events: Friday, **April 13**, Freshmen Lock-in at TJ (usually from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m.); **June 5 & 6**, IBET Symposium (freshmen presentations during the day at TJ).

Questions? Would you like to be on our volunteer email list? Please contact Ellen Ranard, **ESRanard at aol.com** or Sheryl Markham, **tmarkham at verizon.net**.

News Round-Up and Awards

STUDENTS

Two hundred and eight Fairfax County Public Schools students have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2007, 158 of which are TJ Students: Malaika Addae, Avigile Baehr, Maneesh Bhand, Lillian Blotkamp, Caroline Bogdan, Peter Bojo, John Bowman, Raillan Brooks, Kevin Brown, Timothy Carey, Paul Carter, Ian Carter-Condon, Michael Casey, Amanda Chen, Cheng Chen, Eli Chen, Sylvia Chen, Brian Cheng, Michael Choi, Sheila Christian, Alice Chung, John Clark, Margaret Clements, Elias Clizbe, Michael Cohen, Will Colmer, Kelly Cotton, Joseph Cuda, Ankur Desai, Eleanor Diamond, Stefan DiFazio, David Dornblaser, Andrew Dunfee, Edward Elkins, Benjamin Ellis, Alan Fickling, Amy Friedlander, Thomas Fu, Deepti Garg, Jason Garrett-Glaser, Minnie Gong, Pratima Gopalakrishnan, Paul Grimm, Alissa Groisser, Peter Gudmundsen, Christopher Hairfield, Wei Hao, Emily Hillenbrand, Angela Hobart, Erin Hopke, Jie Hou, Timothy Hunter-Kilmer, Juhan Hwang, John Jaskot, Lili Jiang, James Johnston, Robert Kalb, Komal

Karnik, Logan Kearsley, Sharon Kiang, Jeewon Kim, Jooho Kim, Richard Kim, Kate Kirschner, Daniel Klayton, Christian Klein, George Krivorotov, John LaBarge, Thomas Laflin, Dylan Lahiff, Benjamin Lash, Sarah Laskey, Kimberley Lauder, Bryan Lee, Grace Lee, Jessica Lee, Tiffany Lee, Kif Leswing, Stephen Levin, Andrew Li, Mengyang Liu, Shiqian Liu, Tiantian Luo, DanielMacey, Frederick Mako, Nitin Malik, Victoria Marcos, Sarah Marzen, Christian McGuirk, Edward McNeill, Daniel Metzel, Jeffrey Miller, Shane Miller, Vanessa Miller, Victor Mircea, Brian Mittereder, Thomas Morgan, Nicole Morson, Daniel Muir, Soumya Nettimi, Sharif Nezar, Phillip Nguyen, Vu Nguyen, Julie O'Brien, Robert Otto, Sarah Pak, Andrew Parthum, Alissa Perman, David Phillips, Emily Prentice, Kevin Pujanauski, Ji Qi, Gregory Raiffa, Girish Rajagopalan, Nina Ran, Benjamin Ranard, Yasaswi Raparla, Rebecca Rattray, Sarah Rizor, Michael Romais, Emily Salpini, Allison Shea, Joel Shor, Kevin Sing, Natasha Singh, Piyush Singh, Claudia Solís-Román, Martaelena Sparrow, Arjun Sreekumar, Ramesh Srigiriraju, Andrew Street, Linda Sul, Shannon Sullivan, Margaret Summers, Yu Suo, Sean Tai, Mercedes Taylor, Thomas Tessier, Barnett Trzcinski, Sharon Ulery, Mayur Vallabhaneni, Stephanie Volftsun, Olivia Walch, Andrew Wang, Joanna Wang, Peiyu Wang, Brad Wergley, Danyi Wu, Michael Wu, Jianzhou Xiao, Jason Yan, Gregory Young, William Zeng, Han Zhang, Haonan Zhang, Qihan Zhang, Yu Zhao, and Jimmy Zhou.

TJHSST Partnership Fund

Giving to Advance Educational Excellence

In our **Back to School Campaign** so far, over 125 TJ families have contributed more than \$19,000. *But the funding gap is great, and there are still many families to be heard from!* Please help us achieve our mission to maintain a "self-sustaining fund to fulfill the ongoing needs of the educational programs of TJHSST." It is not too late to participate in the Back to School campaign. Use the form provided in your back to school packet, download a form from the website at **www.tjpartnershipfund.org**, or make a credit card donation online. With your help, we can break last year's annual record-breaking gift total from parents.

When giving through **United Way** or the **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)**, remember to designate the Jefferson Partnership Fund's new

number: **8705**. Last year we raised over \$40,000 through parent and faculty donations to the United Way/CFC.

Do you know or work with someone who might help TJ? The best way for us to approach local corporations or foundations is through a friendly contact – like you! We are starting a data base of employers of TJ parents. **This works!** Last year, with the help of ExxonMobil parents, we received \$15,000 from ExxonMobil to acquire an Ultraviolet/Visible Spectrometer for the Chem Analysis Lab. Please email us the name of your employer or friend at [Jeffersonpartnershipfund at tjhsst.edu](mailto:Jeffersonpartnershipfund@tjhsst.edu). *We will not make any contact without first notifying you!*

TJHSST Boosters

Academic Boosters

Nurture the mind and support TJ's superb academic teams is what Academic Boosters is all about. Guided by a group of talented, dedicated, and indefatigable faculty advisors, our teams finished last school year with sustained excellence and a slew of winning records. Their achievement highlights include:

Academic Team won the Virginia High School League State Championship and finished 3rd at the High School Knowledge Master Open (774 teams competing). **Certaman** (Latin team) won 1st place at the Virginia State Championship. **Chess Team**, for the 8th consecutive year, won the state title for Virginia Scholastic Chess Championships and achieved the 5th place in the National High School Chess Championship. **Computer Team** had three members qualified to participate at the USA Invitational Computer Olympiad camp (20 participants nationwide). **Debate Team** had its most successful year ever with Lincoln-Douglas Debate Team won the DC Metropolitan Sweepstakes Award and Policy Debate Team qualified two teams to compete in the CFL Nationals in Chicago. **Future Problem Solvers** took 2nd and 3rd place in Senior Division at the State Bowl and qualified for the FPS International Bowl, and won 2nd place in the Intermediate Division. **Japan Bowl** won 2nd place at the 2006 National Japan Bowl. **Math Team** Varsity had 15 qualifiers at the USA Olympiad (more than any other schools in the country), and won the Virginia Math League Competition and Duke Math Meet. It finished 2nd at

the Harvard-MIT Math Competition. **Model UN Team** once again brought home the top school and top individual prizes from all its local conferences and the regional George Mason University conference. The team also received the Outstanding Large School Delegation award at William and Mary's conference. **Ocean Bowl** won 1st place at the regional Chesapeake Bay Bowl and finished 8th in the National Competition. **Odyssey of the Mind**, after competing successfully at the local and regional levels, had five teams qualified and competed at the World OM Tournament. One team won the Spontaneous Competition and made the final round where they finished 6th in the world! **Physics Team** had two students qualified for the US Olympiad Training Camp and one participated on the US Traveling Team, which competed internationally this past summer. **Science Bowl** won the Virginia Regional and captured the 5th place in the National Science Bowl.



National Earlybird debaters: L to R: Lisa Pang, Kathy Hutchinson, Sumit Malik, Lulu Wang, Sherwin Yu.

Our **Debate Team**, sponsored by Mr. Sherwood Williams, started the new school year with a BANG! During the 3rd weekend of September, one Junior Varsity Policy debate team, three Junior Varsity Lincoln-Douglas (LD) debaters, and two Varsity LD debaters competed at the Wake Forest National Earlybird Tournament. Alex Kim, a sophomore competing in the Junior Varsity LD division, and Teddy McNeill, a senior competing in the Varsity LD division, succeeded to the Double Octofinals. Congratulations!

As all our teams will resume their normal activities in late September or early October, we urge new students and their families to get actively involved. For information about our award winning teams

and Academic Boosters' **membership**, visit <http://academics.tjhsst.edu/aboosters>.

Band Boosters

- **Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Jazz I:** Perform with the Symphonic Orchestra and Chorus at 7 p.m. on October 11 as part of TJ's Fall Music Department Showcase Concert. Refreshments provided by the performers' families will be served.

- **Tailgate Picnics:** Marching band families brought bag dinners, socialized informally, and welcomed the band parents of 2010 before every home football game in September. Anticipating cooler weather in October, the tailgate picnics will not continue this season. Look for us on the front lawn next September. Thanks to Felicia Schwenk for organizing the picnics.

- **Safeway Club Card Program:** When shopping at Safeway in support of TJ Bands; **present your Safeway Club Card to the cashier**, using your phone number at the register may not link your purchases to your Escrip account.

- **Doughnuts for Sale on Election Day:** Band students will sell doughnuts at polling places and metro stations. Preorder two dozen for delivery to home or office early on **Tuesday, November 7**. Contact a band member to place an order.

- **TJ Customized License Plate Frame:** Only \$18 – Advertise your TJ passion! – Order one for each car. **Sylvie at wrtc.org** See frame samples at:



- http://www.toward.com/tjbandboosters/Fund_Raisers/license_plate_frames.htm

- **Fund Raiser Contacts:** Innisbrook Wraps, Gifts, and Chocolates - **bdlauder at earthlink.net**; Gourmet Pies – Frozen, ready to bake - **tjpies at gmail.com**; Citrus Sales – **tjcitrus at hotmail.com**; Scrip – Gift Cards – Quiznos, Exxon/Mobil, Amazon, Giant, etc. – **kaycorey at cox.net**; Charitable Donations – TJHSST Band Boosters, Inc. – Mail to Band Boosters c/o Director of Bands, TJHSST; Holiday Wreaths, Swags, and Poinsettias - **sherwoodfam at yahoo.com**; White House Ornaments (**walchmosh at comcast.net**)

Colonial Athletic Boosters

Fall sports are in full swing. Attendance at these events, especially "Friday Night Lights" football, is a

great way to experience TJ, meet new people, and see that there is more to TJ than just science and tech. The Homecoming football game is October 20 and our last home game (against Woodson) is November 10.



First Place Varsity Boys XC Team

- The varsity **golf** team won matches against Madison, McLean, South Lakes, and Woodson.
- The girls' varsity **field hockey** team beat Hayfield and Centreville and tied Robinson.
- Both the boys' varsity and JV **cross country** teams took 1st place at the September 9 Monroe Parker Invitational for the 4 year in a row! The boys' freshmen team came in second place by one point behind Lake Braddock.

The CAB encourages all TJ families to become paid members, and expects it of those with a student athlete. Your support is critical in supplementing the funds provided by the County. Annually, the CAB must raise about \$100,000 for uniforms, equipment, field maintenance, and league fees. (The County pays only salaries, utilities, and some transportation.) Advanced CAB Membership levels include Year-Long Admission Passes and Premium Parking benefits. Please visit (<http://sports.tjhsst.edu/boosters/>) for all the details of Membership, and general TJ sports news and information.

The Athletic Boosters always needs volunteers. Contact the President if you have a particular interest and/or come to our meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the library. All are welcome.

Crew Boosters

Crew will be holding two **open houses** at the boathouse at Sandy Run Regional Park on **Sunday, Oct 8** and **Saturday, Oct 21** from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** You will have the opportunity to see the equipment, have your questions answered by current rowers and coaches and, weather permitting, a chance to get out on the water.

The **Crew Interest Meeting** for all students considering rowing and their parents will be held on **Tuesday, Oct 17** at **7:30 p.m.** in the TJ cafeteria. Current team captains, coaches, booster board members and fund raising chairs will tell you about our internationally recognized program. We'll detail membership requirements and fees along with practice schedules and training requirements, and answer any questions you may have.

Even though the Crew competitive rowing season does not begin until March, returning rowers and parents are busy now making preparations. Crew is a varsity sport that has not yet been adopted by the Virginia High School League, which means that 100% of the Crew's funding comes from membership dues and fund raising activities. We are currently running several fund raisers, including the sale of **entertainment books and Sally Foster gifts**. For additional information on these, please visit our web site at <http://sports.tjhsst.edu/crew/> and select Fundraising. Stop by TJ **Saturday morning, October 21st** for the TJ Crew **Yard Sale**. We sincerely appreciate your support!



If you have questions, contact Head Coach Matt Shoop at [shoop2 at cox.net](mailto:shoop2@cox.net). For Booster questions, contact Leslie Norko, President, at [lnorko at gmail.com](mailto:lnorko@gmail.com).

Chorus/Choir Boosters

Choir season for the 2006 – 2007 school year began well before the first day of school, as boot camp was held for all new and returning curricular choir students. We are happy to report that twenty-three incoming freshmen will be participating in the choir program.

This year we are pleased to have ninety-seven students participating in choir. Ensembles this year

include the Freshmen Ladies' Choir, Advanced Ladies', Men's Choir and Chamber Singers. Stay "tuned" for details about a possible Show Choir in the works.

The Booster organization, along with the support of choir counsel kicked off the year with the annual potluck dinner on September 28th. Meanwhile, during class time, our students are fervently working with Mr. Frels on their selections for the Fall Preview Concert to be held on October 11, 2006. **All are invited.** Prior to this event, seniors will have the privilege of auditioning for the statewide Senior Honor Choir on October 7. Best of luck seniors!



2006 Participants of the men's ensemble work on new music at choir boot camp.

Orchestra Boosters

The TJHSST Orchestras are off and running. Regional auditions have already concluded at Westfield High School on September 25. Our students have traditionally performed extremely well in this very competitive process. Our first concert will be on the evening of October 11 as part of the evening's Showcase concerts with the Band and Chorus. The Boosters will be providing dinner for the Orchestra, carrying on a successful program from last year. Printed order forms will be coming home with your students shortly. Be on the lookout or ask them! We will also be continuing to sell our merchandise, including the ever popular tote bags, at these events.

Our next Booster Meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 at the school. We have a dedicated cadre of parents but are always looking

for more help and participation. Please email me if you would have some time to volunteer. Our biggest need in the near future will be providing parent support to the students for the first of the Viennese Balls, coming relatively early this year on Friday evening October 27. In addition to a variety of foods, which will be assigned by student instrument section, parents are needed to "man the tables" as servers and act as ticket sales and chaperones throughout the evening. Addie Chang is continuing her role from last year as Parent Liaison, to this student run event. She is magnificent, but needs your help. Contact her or me to participate and you will most likely be hearing from us. Many thanks to those of you who have already joined the Boosters. We and the students thank you for your support. All questions should be addressed to [Lawrencemjones at aol.com](mailto:Lawrencemjones@aol.com).

Theater Boosters

Theatre Boosters invites all interested parents to our first meeting of the year on Monday, October 16 at 5:30. Visit the Boosters webpage <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/> for information on how you can get involved and support theatre at TJ.

Performances

Drama Club

The Drama Club will kick off its 2006-07 year with *The Inspector General*, directed by Mr. Pollet and student director, Maya Gueron. This comedy by Nikolai Gogol hinges on a case of mistaken identity and ridicules Russian government under the czar with themes of human corruption and the folly of self-deception. The cast list will be posted shortly on the web at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/>. Mark your calendar for an evening of comic entertainment November 16, 17 & 18.

Shakespeare Troupe

The Shakespeare Troupe begins its 2006-2007 season with Frosh Fest and *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare. This uproarious comedy portraying a classic battle of the sexes will be directed by Christina Beasley, Megan Behm, and Michaela Rothschild under the supervision of Shakespeare Troupe sponsor Ms. Bello. There will be one show only on November 3 – don't miss it!

And check the TJ Theatre Boosters website at <http://arts.tjhsst.edu/theatreboosters/> for the cast list, which will be online soon.

Announcements and Information

FCPS Students Eligible for Discounts on Select Microsoft Products

Through a special agreement with Microsoft, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students and staff members can now purchase select Microsoft products for home and personal use at great discounts. Student Select is part of Fairfax County Public Schools Technology@Home program. This program seeks to help students, faculty, and staff members with their home technology needs by enabling them to purchase directly from vendors at educational discount rates. For more information on available products, pricing, and how to order, go to

<http://www.fcps.edu/DIT/techathome/studentselect.html>.

Student Conference Team Needs Connections

The National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, and Technology (NCSSSMST) will be held at TJHSST in October 2007. Attendees of this student conference will come from science and technology schools all around the nation. The purpose of this conference is to educate students in how science policy is formed in our nation's capital. Our dream is for the event to culminate in a banquet and forum on science policy in the Capitol building on Friday, October 19, 2007. The conference's theme will be "007: Yesterday Never Dies", which encompasses 400 years of both Virginia and United States history. The planning committee needs assistance in gathering connections in order for this event to be successful. We are looking for connections to U.S. Congressmen, as well as keynote speakers for each evening. The planning committee of 30 people has been working for the last year to plan the conference, which will be held both at Jefferson and George Mason University, as well as various attractions in the D.C. area. For more information, please contact David Dy Tang at [ddtang at gmail.com](mailto:ddtang@gmail.com) or Faculty Sponsor Milde Waterfall at [Milde.Waterfall at fcps.edu](mailto:Milde.Waterfall@fcps.edu).

Vern Williams on Math Education

On Monday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., Vern Williams will discuss trends in math education for gifted students and his views on how schools should teach math to gifted elementary, middle and high school students. The program will be held in the cafeteria at McLean HS, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean 22101.

For over two decades, Vern Williams has taught Longfellow MS students Algebra I, Geometry, and his unique GT version of Honors Math 7. On May 15, 2006, he was one of seventeen experts appointed to the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. This panel will publish an interim report by January 31, 2007 to advise President Bush and Secretary Spellings of the U.S. Department of Education about how to improve math achievement. Vern Williams also has summer math enrichment programs for highly gifted and motivated math students. His philosophy of GT math instruction has generated impressive results. These programs, along with his views on how mathematics should be taught to gifted students and the pitfalls of fuzzy math and other recent developments in math education, are described at www.mathreasoning.com.

This program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted (FCAG). It is free and open to the general public. For more information, call Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960 or check the FCAG web site at www.fcag.org.

Volunteers Needed for Robotics Tournament: November 17- 19

On November 18 and 19, students from Fairfax County, Loudoun County and other nearby counties will be participating in the Northern Virginia First Lego League (FLL) robotics tournament at Eagle Ridge Middle School, Ashburn, Virginia. FLL is a robotics program for elementary and middle school students.

FLL needs volunteers with and without a background in engineering or computers, to help set up the tournament on Friday, November 17, to help run the tournament on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and November 19, and to help put away the robotics equipment and clean up on November 19.

Volunteers can sign up just for one day, two days, or three days. High school and adult volunteers are all welcome. Student volunteers can earn community service hours. And, parents of children who might be interested in robotics will learn what a FLL team is expected to accomplish, which in turn will help them determine if their own children might be interested in doing FLL next year.

If you are willing to help with this FLL tournament, please contact Melissa Remer at [SHARENET at att.net](mailto:SHARENET@att.net).

Giant and Safeway

It's time again for all of us to register with Giant and Safeway. What an EASY way to raise money for our school **without cost to you**, but we all have to **REdesignate TJ each September! As of 9/16/2006, only 107 of our 1700+ families have registered for Giant!**

Last year, TJ teachers requested over \$21,000 to attend conferences and bring programs into our school, and we could only fund \$14,000 of those requests. If you shop at Giant or Safeway this is an **easy NO-COST way** to raise money for your student's education!!!!

For **Giant**:

1. You will need your Giant BonusCard number (it's on your Giant card or key tag, or call the BonusCard hotline at: 1-877-366-2668 and GIANT will register you).
3. Then click on: http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/aplus_pin.htm
4. At the bottom, enter the first three letters of your last name and your BonusCard # and hit 'Continue to School Listings' to designate TJ as the recipient of your donations.
5. In the box after 'School 1:' type **2307** and hit 'Complete School Designations'
6. Review your info and hit 'Confirm my Information' - You are DONE!

For **SAFEWAY**:

1. With a Safeway card, go to <http://www.escrip.com/>.
2. Click on 'Renew your commitment to Safeway Stores today'.
3. You then provide **ONE** of the following (email address, phone number or credit/debit card

information) as entered with your initial eScrip registration and hit 'Enter'

4. You should see your name and 'Thomas Jefferson HSST PTSA' in the top right corner
You are DONE!

* If you don't see 'Thomas Jefferson HSST PTSA' in the top right corner, you will need to log in (Click on 'My eScrip') and select Thomas Jefferson HSST PTSA as your funding recipient. The number for TJ is 154534149.

Please visit the PTSA website, <http://leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/document/s/money-for-tj.pdf> for more ways to raise money for TJ without costing you a cent!!

Upright piano anyone?

"Do you have an old piano sitting in your basement gathering dust? The Energy Systems Lab is in need of an old upright piano for one of the senior tech lab projects. It doesn't have to be in perfect condition, it doesn't even have to be in tune! We will do all the heavy lifting and moving so you have nothing to worry about. This donation would also be tax deductible! Contact us at [ejacobso at tjhsst.edu](mailto:ejacobso@tjhsst.edu) or [achen at tjhsst.edu](mailto:achen@tjhsst.edu) for more information." Emily Jacobson and Amanda Chen.



Noteworthy Dates

October	November
4 Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting (7:30 p.m., College and Career Center).	1 CAC Public Forum (7:30 p.m. - Auditorium)
9 Columbus Day Holiday	3 <i>Frosh Fest: The Taming of the Shrew</i>
11 Principal's Coffee (9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Cafeteria)	6-7 Student Holidays (Teacher workday)
11 Showcase concert (7 p.m. – TJ Auditorium)	13 PTSA Executive Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - Library)
11 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m. - Career Center)	14 Diversity Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m. - Career Center)
16 PTSA Executive Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - Library)	20 TJMC Banquet (TJ Cafeteria)
17 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m. - Career Center)	21 ANGP Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m. - Career Center)
17 Crew Interest Meeting (7:30 p.m., Cafeteria)	16 <i>The Inspector General</i> (7:00 p.m., Auditorium)
18 PSAT Early Release.	17 <i>The Inspector General</i> (7:30 p.m., Auditorium)
20 Homecoming Football Game	18 <i>The Inspector General</i> (7:30 p.m., Auditorium)
21 TJ Crew Yard Sale, (9 a.m., Cafeteria)	22 Students Released Two Hours Early
21 Homecoming Dance	23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
25 PTSA FORUM (7:00 p.m. - Auditorium)	
26 Money for College (7:30 p.m.)	December
	20 Winter Band Concert (TJ Auditorium)
	25-1 Winter Vacation

Tech cetera is available online on the first of the month at: <http://www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa/Newsletter.htm>

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Check List

- If you missed the opportunity to buy a TJ Directory at Back-to-School Night or need extra copies, you may buy one for \$10.00 at the Front Office.
- Please make the following correction on Page vi of your student directory: **Cathie Love's** phone number is **703-750-8306**, the same as Dr. Glazer's.

TJHSST PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA)

BECOME A 2006-2007 MEMBER

Please join the PTSA and help support many worthwhile activities that play a vital role in creating a rich and stimulating learning environment at TJHSST. The PTSA memberships and donations are the major source of the PTSA budget. Your financial support will benefit all Jefferson students during the coming school year. The TJ PTSA funds cover the cost of several activities, including the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for technology-related equipment Funding for Professional Development of Faculty Building a Better Community program Diversity Support and Awareness Cultural Arts support Sophomore Ethics Forum Support Freshman Shakespeare Festival workshop Award Receptions for Students Techstravaganza – an outreach program to encourage an interest in math and science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for student activities support Funding for substitute teachers Reflections Program Cluster and County outreach programs Grade Level Field Trips Athletic Hotline communications Faculty and Staff Appreciation Events Landscape Enhancement of school grounds |
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In addition to supporting these valuable activities, your membership benefits will include receiving the PTSA Newsletter by mail, if requested. The newsletter will continue to be posted online the first of each month at www.tjhsst.edu/ptsa for those who prefer our online service.

Student Name _____ Class of 200 _____
First Name Last Name

Student Home Phone Number _____

Member Name _____

Check your preference: Please mail me the PTSA newsletter I will read the newsletter online.

Address for newsletter (if mailing option chosen):

Member Name _____

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Address for newsletter (if mailing option chosen):

Please add any additional members on the back of the form.

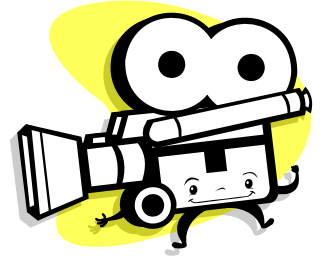
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ADDITIONAL TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION	_____	\$ _____
Please consider an additional donation for your PTSA so that we can continue to support all TJ Students, Staff, and School*		
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Please make checks payable to **TJHSST PTSA**

Mail to: TJHSST PTSA Membership
 6560 Braddock Road
 Alexandria, VA 22312

Any questions? Please email ptsa.membership@tjhsst.edu
 *All contributions over \$250 will be acknowledged with a letter from the PTSA, as required by the IRS.

PTA Reflections Program 2006

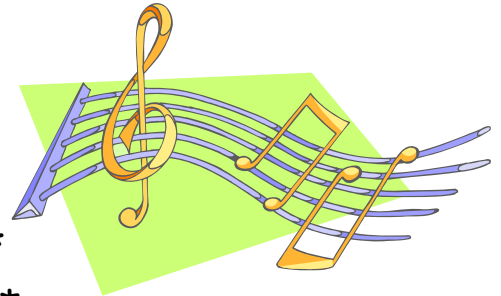


Theme - *My Favorite*

Place Think about your favorite place and what it means to you.

Then,  create an original piece of artwork in any of the following six categories:

- •Visual arts
- •Musical Composition
- •Literature
- •Photography
- •Dance Choreography*
- •Film/Video Production*



For more information or questions, please contact , Denise Bolton, Reflections Chair, at cboltonh20@cox.net or at 703-339-0371; and see Reflections info at

Leadership.tjhsst.edu/ptsa

Submission deadline is October 27, 2006

Curious about other entries? Check-out last year's award entries at www.pta.org/reflections 06

